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AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has establish Agriculture Technology Information Centres in various locations which are not dominated by the farmers;

(b) if so, the reasons for setting up of such centres in State capitals or important towns rather than in farmer dominated belt;

(c) whether the Government is aware that poor farmers have to commute centres from far flung areas of the country;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up such centres in the midst of rural areas of the country; and

(e) the details of the activities undertaken in such centres alongwith the assistance given by the Union Government to each of such centres during each of the last three years, till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Agriculture Technology Information Centres (ATICs) have been set up in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes and State Agricultural Universities to facilitate access to the technology for dissemination to farmers. For easy access the ATICs have been set up right at the gates of the ICAR`s Institutes and Universities. The ICAR has established 44 such centres under the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and ICAR Institutes in the respective places of their locations.

(c) & (d): From the establishment of these centres, 60.03 lakhs farmers have been benefited from quality seeds/planting materials; soil/water/plant sample analysis and veterinary services; books/periodicals and extension literatures; and other advisory services. There is no proposal for establishment of more such centres.

(e) The activities of the centres include providing technology products, diagnostic services, and technology information to the farmers and other end users. These centres were established in three phases from 1998-99. The major portion of funds was provided by 2000-01. During the last three years (2001-02 to 2003-04), an amount of Rs. 313.28 lakhs has been released based on the need of these centres, the details of which are given in Annexure.

Annexure

Details of release of funds to each of the 44 ATICs during last three years (2001-02 to 2003-04)

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	ATIC Centres	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	Total
1	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Srinagar		1.89		1.89
2	Marathwada Agricultura University, Parbhani		7.36		7.36
3	Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur		4.73		4.73
4	Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya , Raipur		4.12		4.12
5	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore		4.23		4.23
6	Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola		3.37		3.37
7	Mahatama Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri		1.46		1.46
8	Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur				

9	Tamil Nadu University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Chennai	6.17	6.17	
10	Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Nadia	3.77	3.77	
11	Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur	4.09	4.09	
12	Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubneshwar	2.69	2.69	
13	ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Barapani	38.70	38.70	
14	Central Institute of Cotton Research, Nagpur	3.29	3.29	
15	University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad	1.95	1.95	
16	Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut			
17	National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal			
18	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur	2.95	2.95	
19	Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad	19.42	19.42	
20	Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin	2.23	2.23	
21	Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin	2.99	2.99	
22	Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla	2.21	2.21	
23	Central Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair	1.44	1.44	
24	Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal	3.94	3.94	
25	Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod	4.61	4.61	
26	CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar	1.12	1.12	
27	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore	0.43	0.43	
28	CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palampur	3.19	3.19	
29	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana	1.33	1.33	
30	Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat	8.17	8.17	
31	Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan	1.21	1.21	
32	Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	1.91	1.91	
33	Sardar Krushi Nagar Dantiwara Agricultural, University, Sardar Krushi Nagar	1.42	1.42	
34	Rajasthan Agricultural university, Bikaner	4.42	4.42	
35	Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi	35.59	4.10	39.69
36	Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore	2.06	2.06	
37	BBS Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli	2.16	2.16	
38	GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar			
39	Narendra Deva University of Agricullture and Technology, Faizabad	1.00	0.20	1.20
40	Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar	0.30	0.30	
41	Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology , Bhubaneshwar	35.59	4.47	40.06
42	Rajendra Agricultural University, Smastipur	1.11	1.11	
43	Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi	38.75	38.75	
44	Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur	35.88	1.26	37.14
	TOTAL	72.18	239.84	1.26 313.28